Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 23.- We had very pretty weather here over the week-end.

The various organizations met on Tuesday night.

Many are at home from school for the Christmas holidays.

Some from here attended the Christmas program at the Evrgreen school on Friday.

Also, some from here attended the Christmas program at Pamplin school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder were in Pamplin last Friday afternoon.

A. T. Anderson was in Appomattox Saturday morning.

Several were out delivereing baskets of fruit to shut-ins around here Saturday afternoon.

Barbara Gilliam, of Pamplin was visiting Misses Mary Edith, Ruth, and Louise Ranson Sunday.

Mrs. M. H. Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson were in Richmond Saturday visiting the former's son, Hughes, who is improving after an operation.

Wilson Almond got a new car last week.

A few from here attended the Carson and Davis wedding at Pamplin Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kenneth St. John and children, of Evergreen spent a day last week with her sister, Mrs. Toby Inge.

Quite a few went out singing Christmas Carols Sunday night after preaching service.

A Christmas program will be given at Rocks Church on Christmas Eve at 7:30.

Virginia leads the world in production of chewing and smoking tobaccos, according to the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Eighty five million dollars worth of tobacco was raised on Virginia farms in 1955, a total production in pounds of 162,048,000. The value of manufactured products was 900 million dollars.

The geographical center of the Commonwealth of Virginia is located in Appomattox County.

MACHINERY INSPECTION, REPAIR GOOD JOB FOR WINTER MONTHS

Inspect and repair your farm machinery now so it will be ready when you need it.

Easley S. Smith, assistant agricultural engineer at VPI, says to first clean all machinery thoroughly inside and out. To avoid absorption of moisture during storage, it is especially important to dislodge and wash or sweep out all remnants of fertilizer and grain, litter, manure, and any weeds, or trash that may be wrapped around axles and frame members. A clean machine is easier to inspect for worn, broken, or damaged parts. It will not rust and corrode as quickly, will operate cooler, and is safer.

If the machinery needs service of any kind, do it now before the spring rush season. If you need parts or service work which you cannot take care of yourself, now is an excellent time to contact your local implement dealer.

Here are some specific suggestions:

Check rubber tires for proper inflation. Keep tires clean of grease, repair cuts and breaks, and protect them from direct sunlight in storage. When a rubber-tired implement is to be idle for a considerable time, block up the axles to take the weight off the tires.

Inspect all safety clutches, spring release hitches, and shear pins and see that they are free of rust and properly adjusted with no worn or damaged parts.

Check all chains and sprockets for wear and proper alignment. Inspect all bearings. Readjust or replace worn bearings and lubricate them with the proper lubricant.

Replace worn and frayed belts. Be sure that the tension is released on all belts while in storage. See that belts are kept clean.

Keep all bolts and rivets tight.

On mowers, combines, and forage harvesters, check the cutter bars for proper alignment. Replace, and tighten, or sharpen ledger plates, knife clips, wearing plates, section and guards, as needed.

Inspect plows for bent beams, and standards. Replace badly worn or broken shares, landsides, heels, shins, and moldboards. Check the rolling colters for worn blades and bearings.

Inspect disks for form or broken blades and bearings, and for other damaged parts.

Check seeding machines and planters for proper alignment. Repair worn or damaged furrow openers and seed and fertilizer tubes. Be sure the feeding mechanism turns freely.

Check the tractor's brakes, cooling system, ignition system, hydraulic lifts, and the fuel and oil filters. Be sure the cooling system is either drained or is properly protected from freezing. Inspect spark plugs and braker points. If the tractor engine needs an overhaul, do it now.

Be sure to lubricate all machinery. Oil and grease are the cheapest insurance you can buy. It is also a good idea to apply a coating of grease to all polished parts to prevent rust.

Store the machinery where it will keep dry and be ready to go when you need it next season.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions most frequently asked by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultral Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. What are the relative costs of granular and liquid heptachlor treatments for alfalfa weevil control?

A. The liquid spray will cost around $2.50 per acre and the granular treatment will cost from $4.50 to $6.00 per acre. However, the granular treatment has many advantages. It can be done anytime in late February or early March when equipment and labor are free. It is applied before alfalfa growth starts, so there is no possibility of toxic residue. Since growth has not started, the passage of equipment over the field will not harm the stand. And equipment is used which usually is already available on the farm.

Q. What are the corn varietal recommendations for 1958?

A. VPI agronomists met last week (December 18-20) to check research results and make their recommendations. They will be released the first week in January.

Q. How can you avoid scours in cattle when you turn them on small grain to graze?

A. Turn them on only 1-2 to one hour the first day, gradually increasing the time of grazing until they are on full feed.

Methodists Expand

Seoul, Korea.- A bustling expansion of Methodist churches is on in this Far East land. Leaders say that more than 300Methodist churches have been built or rebuilt in the past three years.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 24.- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Allen, of Amherst Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilbert.

Miss Faye Thornhill spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mills, of Worsham.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawhorn, of Maryland, and Mrs. Lillie Garbee, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Cam Thornhill Saturday.

The Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Dean and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Megginson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie, of Alexandria, are spending a ten day vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill.

NURSERY INDUSTRY GROWS STEADILY

The nursery industry is growing.

Sales of eight classes of nursery products amounted to $32,000,000 for producers in five states last year, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A sample survey of production and sales of broad-leaved evergreens, citrus and subtropical fruit trees, conifers, deciduous fruit and nut trees, deciduous shade trees, deciduous shrubs, rose plants, and grape vines was made in California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, and Iowa.

The volume of sales in 1956 for all eight classes of products was substantially above that of 1949 as reported in the 1950 Census of Agriculture.

ONLY TWO FEET AWAY

Chicago.- Pedestrians are never more than two feet away from a traffic accident — their own two feet—the National Safety Council said today.

Because pedestrian deaths are highest in December, the Council is stressing pedestrian safety in its December safety campaign.

Many times a pedestrian has about two seconds to avoid being hit, the Ciuncil said, unless the driver can change his speed or direction. If a car is traveling 34 miles an hour—about 50 feet a second — and the driver sees the pedestrian 100 feet away, it is almost impossible for the driver to stop in time.

SOIL BANK EXPANSION

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson revealed a broad new program to take farmland out of production and sow it with trees and grass instead of surplus-producing crops. Farmers in four states — Illinois, Maine, Nebraska, and Tennessee — would put their entire farms under the Soil Bank conservation program and receive between $5,000 and $10,000 yearly payments.

Wage-Hour Investigation

Wage Hour investigations in Virginia during the quarter ending September 30, 1957, resulted in the discovery of $168,795 in back wages being found due 1,066 employees by 294 firms.

This was reported in Richmond by Pat Mekoan, Acting Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage Hour and Public Contracts Divisions. The amount found due represents the difference between the wages paid by employers and the amounts required under the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (Wage Hour Law) and the Public Contracts Act. While much of the money has already found its way into the hands of workers through the voluntary payment by employers—other amounts are involved in cases that have been referred for litigation.

Fallout Monitors Planned

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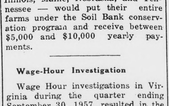

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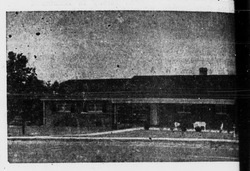

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One and all, we are justly proud of the steady growth of our Town and Community. During the year now coming to an end, this growth has been marked. Our businesses have expanded and moved forward to render greater service to the public. Employment has been steady and at a high level. Looking back upon 1957, we feel that it has been "a good year."

The business places listed on this community page wish to thank you for having patronized them during the year now at an end. And as we face the New Year, we feel that we can safely add: "MAKE APPOMATTOX GREAT, IN 1958."

Business growth and the economic life of a community are based on more than physical and matorial things. These things depend on the spirit of friendship and cooperation existing among the human beings making up the community. And in business, there is no substitute to carry the same idea as the much-used word: SERVICE. We believe that in order to grow and thrive, Appomattox must render SERVICE. So, we cater to the needs of farmers, industrial workers, and all who live in our area. Appomattox is the trading center of a fine area because it has the facilities to serve the public. Our goal is to make it to your advantage to do business in Appomattox.

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